

## Welcome to Celebration Presbyterian Church

As we open our hearts to God, may we extend our hands in friendship to one another. May all who have come to worship know that they're sincerely welcomed in this house of God. Be of good cheer!

\*Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. \*Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

## *Celebrating eighteen years of faithful living and giving!*

Sunday, October 27, 2019

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SEASON

(\* If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle

\*Hymn No. 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

#### Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

#### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**

*(Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ near you.)*

### TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

#### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

God invites us into the sanctuary of the divine presence.

**We enter with awe and devotion to meet together with God.**

This is a safe place where we know we are loved.

**We feel the presence of God's Spirit and the Spirit of God's people.**

Here God invites us to look honestly at our own lives.

**We trust God's love and open our hearts today.**

Know that God loves you as you are, but God sees you as you can be.

**May we honestly examine our lives so that we can become all that**

**God created us to be.**

\*Hymn No. 409

*God Is Here!*

#### Call to Confession

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

Friends, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that with God, grace abounds, and forgiveness is real to all who confess. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

**We confess to God the reality of our lives, knowing that we are loved and forgiven already. We confess that when we look honestly at our lives, we are disciples, but very poor disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not centered in our God or in our own being. We listen to the voices of the world and are misled into trying to become something we are not. We strive to please God in order to receive God's love when we already have it instead of trying to grow into what God created us to become. Forgive us and so fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may truly believe in your love and grace and open our lives to you. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

#### Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

God loves us and forgives us freely. God only seeks our good and the good of all creation. Friends hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

#### Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed  
PCUSA Book of Confessions*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 581

*Gloria Patri*

*The children are invited to come to the steps for the Time with Young Disciples*

Time With Young Disciples

*Children's Church follows in Room 5*

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

**Please pass your prayer cards to an usher.**

Hymn No. 469

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

#### Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

#### Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings as Faithful Stewards

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord!*

**Romans 12:1**

#### Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Richard Shepard

Celebration Choir

\*Doxology No. 606

*Doxology*

#### \*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**You alone, O Lord, have nourished us with everything we need for life. We now offer a portion of this abundance back to you. May we remember to be grateful for your daily sustenance. Amen.**

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture

**Luke 18:9-14**

NRSV

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

*Prayers of the People*

Pastor Tom

### AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

#### \*Charge and Benediction

### DEDICATION OF THE CROSS

\*Hymn No. 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

### PLEASE GATHER IN THE PARKING LOT

Gracious God, we gather as the congregation of Celebration Presbyterian Church here in the Carolina Forest Community of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to offer You our praise and thanksgiving for this, Your church, now in her eighteenth year of mission and ministry.

By Your creative Holy Spirit and the hard work and dedication of Your saints, You established this church in this community to bear witness to Your redeeming love, made known to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You transformed the cross from a horrific symbol of brutality and death into a symbol of hope and new life through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord and Savior.

We acknowledge with gratitude the gifts of your people who helped make the purchase of this new cross possible and we offer our deep appreciation to Seaboard Signs for building and installing this cross.

Now we dedicate this new cross to Your glory and ask that it may draw attention to You, O God, and to Your grace, mercy and steadfast love that we as Your church seek to live and share with everyone.

**Lord, bless this Cross and Celebration Presbyterian Church that we may be instruments of Your Grace and Mercy. May we always shine with the light of Your Love in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

**CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS**

<b>Sun Oct 27</b>	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
<b>Tue Oct 29</b>	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
<b>Wed Oct 30</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
<b>Sun Nov 3</b>	<b>Daylight Saving Time ends "fall" back one hour</b>	
	<b>NO Adult Bible Study</b>	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Stewardship, Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
<b>Sun Nov 10</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting at the close of worship to elect elders</b>	

**Serving October 27**

**Visitor Table:** Carol Lagassee      **Nursery:** Vicki Simon  
**Children's Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White      **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Wechter      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Elder of the Week:** Nancy Resnick – 203-376-3795  
**Ushers:** Corey Jacobs, Anthony Tiani, Kathy O'Halloran  
**Chimes:** Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff

**Serving November 3**

**Visitor Table:** Priscilla Mulligan      **Nursery:** Donna Woodard  
**Children's Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Nancy Torcivia      **Preacher:** Nancy Resnick  
**Elder of the Week:** Rick Thornburgh – 989-928-1215  
**Ushers:** Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace Donna Woodard  
**Chimes:** Janet Rouseff and Kathy O'Halloran

**Our Purpose**

*To Celebrate God's Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*

**JOIN US AT CELEBRATION**

*We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!*

**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS**

Wed Nov 6—Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm  
 Thu Nov 7—LadyBug Luncheon Capriccio, 12noon  
 Sun Nov 10—Congregational Meeting to elect elders  
 Tue Nov 12—Movie Night, *Waiting for Butterflies*, 6pm  
**Thu Nov 14 at 10a.m.** – The Session will meet with Interim Transitional Presbytery Executive Gavin Meek here at church.  
 Thu Nov 14—Team B cooks at The Shepherd's Table, 1pm  
 Fri Nov 15—Breakfast Buddies, Early Riser Diner, 9am  
 Sun Nov 17—STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY  
**Sun Nov 17 at 4PM – Cooperative Thanksgiving Worship and Hymn Fest** shared jointly between Celebration Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside.  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 2061 Glens Bay Road in Surfside, will host this cooperative event.** This Cooperative event will feature music by the combined choirs of Celebration, led by Sarah Abushakra and Trinity, led by Diane Scroggins, as well as congregational hymns of thanksgiving and scripture lessons/readings led by Pastors Tony Larson and Tom Dendy. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend!  
 Mon Nov 18—STATED SESSION MEETING, 6:30pm  
 Tue Nov 19—GODGAB, Bob Evans, 6pm  
 Thu Nov 21—Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table, 1pm

**SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**October 27, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
**Celebrating 18 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!**



**OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God's Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!**